



HOLDINGFORD

"Gateway to the Lake Wobegon Trail"



From City Hall March 2019

Last month, Shawn Williams, assistant clerk, gave his notice and accepted a position as City Clerk for the City of St. Martin. We wish Shawn best of luck and thank him for the great job he did in Holdingford. The City is working to find someone to fill the new Deputy Clerk–Treasurer Position. Information is on the City website for anyone interested in seeing the qualifications needed to apply. City office hours will be changed and posted until a new office person is hired.

Melting snow has created trouble for businesses and home owners all around the city. City Maintenance Staff is working to move large snow piles to help divert some of the flooding. Water in basements and yards are especially frustrating. It won't get better for a while, I am sorry to say, until the melting snow and runoff is gone.

Sump pumps in your homes MUST pump water outside and not into city sewers. It seems we go from one mandate to another to tell you what you must do. Please understand that when the city issues these rules, it is for the good of the whole city. A sump pump that pumps water into the city sewer means we are spending money on chemicals to treat that water unnecessarily. Sump pump water must be pumped outside!

I do have some good news to share. The city has been awarded money for the Safe Routes to School Grant that we have been working on for the last few years. The money is earmarked for 2 sets of Solar Crossing Signal Lights, a sidewalk along County Road 17 connecting the Wobegon Park area and Holdingford Gas and Groceries' sidewalk. Also, there will be new tarring for the Pedestrian Pathway up to school. This work will be done this year. These upgrades will make Holdingford a bit safer for residents, old and young alike, to walk, bike and enjoy the outdoors in the community.

Please continue to support your local businesses. Thank you.

Respectfully, Sue Marstein, Mayor of Holdingford

Looking Ahead – Important Dates

- * April 8 - City Council Meeting 7:00p.m.
- * April 10 –Local Board of Appeals 7:00p.m. at City Hall
- * May 4 – Community Clean-up Day 8-Noon



For more community events, please see the Community Calendar at www.holdingfordmn.us/calendar

Holdingford City Clerk's Office Hours:

Monday	8 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday	8 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM – 6 PM
Thursday	8 AM – 4 PM
Friday	CLOSED



Mayor's Hours:

Mondays	5:30 – 7 PM
1 st Saturday of the month	8 – 10 AM

STILL SNOW

Snow Removal Ordinance

**NO PARKING
ON CITY STREETS
NOV. 1 – APRIL 1
2 AM – 6 AM
AFTER 1/10"
SNOWFALL
VIOLATORS MAY BE
TICKETED AND TOWED**

SNOW REMOVAL

Under Minnesota Statute, Section 169.42, depositing snow and ice within the public right-of-way and onto another property is deemed to be littering and punishable as a misdemeanor. In addition, Minnesota Statute, Section 160.2715 cites obstruction of the right-of-way or public roadway (with ice, snow) a misdemeanor. Please do not push snow across the roadways or deposit on public property.



The US Post Office would like to remind residents that it is their responsibility to keep the front of their mailboxes free of snow. They recommend clearing an area 10 feet before the box(es) and 10 feet beyond so that the mail carrier can drive in and out with their vehicle.

SOMETHING SPECIAL ON SUNDAYS:

Two more great heritage-sharing programs in Holdingford



Making Placek (Polish Coffee Cake) - Sunday March 24, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Holdingford Community and Adult Day Center. Registration: \$5 (includes a free coffee cake) call 746-2966 to register (12-person limit). THIS CLASS IS FULL AND WE HAVE A WAITING LIST, IF YOU WISH TO ADD YOUR NAME, PLEASE CALL.

Drawing Heritage Landscapes - Sunday April 28, 2019, 1:00–4:00 p.m. Holdingford Community and Adult Day Center. Registration: \$5 (includes all art materials) call 746-2966 to register (12-person limit).

SUMP PUMPS

All sump pumps must be pumped outside!

If they are being pumped down the drain inside your house, the water unnecessarily goes through treatment at the Waste Water Treatment Plant which means staff time, more wear and tear on the equipment and more chemicals to treat the water. Ultimately, higher costs to maintain the water and sewer system may mean higher taxes for you, our residents.

When sumps are pumped outside, the water makes its way to the storm drains and into the river and/or groundwater where it is naturally recycled!

Normal flow at the WWTP for treated water is about 50,000 gallons/day. Last Wednesday, with the rain, melting snow and sump pumps that were not pumped outside, there was over 150,000 gallons that went through our system, tripling our “normal” flow and increasing treatment costs!

HOLDINGFORD FIRE RELIEF

ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



THANKS TO ALL WHO BRAVED WIND AND WEATHER TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST. WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT YOU!

The new Ice-Skating Rink is now open at Veteran's Park!!



Sharpen up your skates and come on down to try it out!

Public Service Announcements

Steve Soyka, Stearns County Sheriff, has issued 2 public service announcements recently. One is for a scam involving calls, mail and/or emails from DOTsevice.com. The other is for using the text-to-911 service for emergencies. To read these announcements in their entirety, please see the City website at <https://holdingfordmn.us/> under the Announcements tab.



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WIPES CLOG OUR PIPES!

PLEASE DISPOSE OF WIPES AND BLUE SHOP RAGS IN THE TRASH!

“Disposable” wipes may flush down the toilet, but they fail to break down and then cause clogged pipes and pumps. Our Maintenance Staff has noted an increased use and disposal of the blue shop towels and have to clean out clogged pumps weekly! This can be avoided and we ask for your continued help to dispose of them in the garbage instead of into our sewer system. Thank you.